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## **BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD ACTION ITEM JUNE 1, 2017**

### **COMPETITIVE PROCUREMENT OF CHILD AND FAMILY TEAM MEETING FACILITATORS FOR CHILD WELFARE SERVICES, BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES, AND PROBATION**

On June 20, 2017, Child Welfare Services (CWS) is taking an item to the Board of Supervisors to request authorization to issue a competitive solicitation for Child and Family Team Meeting Facilitators to further implement the State of California's Continuum of Care Reform (CCR). Because Behavioral Health Services serves as a core partner in CCR, the item is coming to the Behavioral Health Advisory Board for their review and support.

Child Welfare Services, Behavioral Health Services, and Juvenile Probation have worked together to meet the mental health and well-being needs of all system-involved youth by screening youth for mental and behavioral health concerns at the time of entry into the child welfare system, providing assessments and mental health services as needed. Efforts bring together the agencies, the youth, the family, and important people in the youth's life – collectively known as the Child and Family Team (CFT) – to make informed decisions about how to help the youth and family meet their behavioral health and wellbeing goals.

CCR is a continuation of California's ongoing system efforts to improve outcomes for children in foster care. One of the CCR mandates includes the formation of Child and Family Teams to collaborate and make informed decisions at integral decision-making points in each case for all CWS and Probation youth who are removed from their homes.

Because of CCR mandates requiring CFT meetings for all out-of-home youth within specified timelines, the number of facilitated meetings is expected to increase by 800%. To accommodate this growth, CWS is requesting authorization to issue a competitive procurement for Child and Family Team Meeting Facilitators to integrate the efforts of CWS, BHS and Juvenile Probation.

**It is, THEREFORE, staff's recommendation that the Board support the Child Welfare Services request for authorization to issue a competitive solicitation for Child and Family Team Meeting Facilitators for Child Welfare Services, Behavioral Health Services, and Probation.**